



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ADVENT 3: HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH? (JOY)

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" (Traditional French Carol) Robert Galbreath, piano

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Julia and Larry

When I look around, I see shadows of sadness, families in homeless shelters, people in prison, people who have become invisible and forgotten...

When I look around, I see shadows of grief and loss, people dreading the holidays because they've lost a loved one, because they can't be with their birth family, because they don't want to spend another Christmas alone...

In the face of sadness, we light a candle of joy...

In the face of grief, in the face of loss, we light a candle of joy...

May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

May the light from this candle say to all that God's joy is coming on earth as it already is in heaven. We will not be afraid, for God's joy is at hand!



HYMN FOR CANDLE LIGHTING "Advent Song" The Faith We Sing # 2090 vs. 3

*OPENING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" United Methodist Hymnal # 213

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

OPENING PRAYER

As John the Baptist prepared the way for the inbreaking of the Holy found in Jesus, may we too prepare the way for the inbreaking of the Holy found in this and future generations. May each decision we make be guided by their wellness. Align us with your anger and hope! Change our Lives! Enable us to find joy, and delight in co-creating this open-hearted living. Amen.

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

[Please use the Friendship Pads or the QR code to mark your presence with us.]

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 12: 2-6

"You are my deliverer, O God! I trust you and am no longer afraid of you—you are my strength and my refuge. You are my deliverer." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And on that Day you will say: "Give thanks to YHWH, invoke God's holy Name! Make known among all the people what YHWH has done. Proclaim that God's Name is exalted. Sing praises to YHWH, for God has triumphed. Let this be known throughout the world! Cry out, shout aloud, you who dwell in Zion, for the Holy One of Israel dwells among us in majesty!"

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *[You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.]*

Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"He Came Down"

The Faith We Sing # 2085

SECOND READING

Luke 3: 7-18

John said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You pack of snakes! Who warned you to escape the wrath to come? Produce good fruit as a sign of your repentance. And don't

presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Sarah and Abraham as our mother and father,' for I tell you that God can raise children for Sarah and Abraham from these very stones. The ax is already laid at the root of the tree; every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be cut down and tossed into the fire." When the people asked him, "What should we do?" John replied, "Let the one with two coats share with the one who has none. Let those who have food do the same." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to John, "Teacher, what are we to do?" John answered them, "Exact nothing over and above your fixed amount." Soldiers likewise asked, "What about us?" John told them, "Don't bully anyone. Don't accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay." The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying, "I am baptizing you in water, but someone is coming who is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not fit to untie! This One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. A winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into the granary, but the chaff will be burnt in unquenchable fire." Using exhortations like this, John proclaimed the Good News to the people.

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Lee Rollins

MUSIC MINISTRY "Mourning into Dancing" (by Tommy Walker)

with liturgical dance by Robin Davis

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**To our shared joy we dedicate our offerings, oh God! To those looking for a sign,
a way, a place to stay—may every one of their needs be met. May we all take pleasure
in the abundance that is found in mutuality. God of Enoughness—bless our shared
resources to your Kin-dom of Beautiful Interdependence. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"What Child is This?"

United Methodist Hymnal # 219 vs. 1, 3

*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, May God's Door of Welcome swing open in our hearts and in our lives. May Christ's humble first dwelling remind us of all we already know. And may the Spirit lead us into possibilities of hospitality that we haven't imagined, making room in The Inn for all.

May it be so for you. May it be so for us. May it be so for this church. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Once in Royal David's City"

Tim Barnes, organ

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